

**NEVADA STATE WELFARE DIVISION
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT REGULATIONS**

The Public Hearing to Adopt Regulations was brought to order by Nancy K. Ford, Welfare Administrator, at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2004. This meeting was conference-called between the Welfare Division Central Office, 1470 East College Parkway, Room #109, Carson City, Nevada and the Special Children's Clinic, 3811 W. Charleston, Suite 209, Las Vegas, Nevada.

STAFF PRESENT

Nancy Ford, Administrator
Gary Stagliano, Deputy Administrator
Sharon Vail, Employee Development Manager
Marta Stagliano, Child Care Program Specialist
Louise Bush, Staff Specialist
Lynette Giles, Executive Assistant
Robin Roach, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Aseph, Administrative Assistant
Laurie Buck, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS PRESENT

None.

Ms. Ford brought the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. She explained this public hearing is being held via conference call, due to equipment failure, between Carson City and Las Vegas. This public hearing is being held to adopt various state plans and regulations. There are three items on the agenda. Items one, two and three on the agenda are being pulled, will not be heard today and no action will be taken. The items will be re-noticed if they will be heard in the future. The meeting has been posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. Ms. Ford briefly explained the regulation being heard at this public hearing.

I. CHILD CARE WORKSHOP:

Ms. Ford opened the Childcare Workshop and no public comment was received.

II. CHILD CARE STATE PLAN AND POLICY MANUAL:

This agenda item was tabled and will be heard at a future public hearing after more public input is garnered.

III. CHILD CARE POLICY MANUAL:

This agenda item was tabled and will be heard at a future public hearing after more public input is garnered.

IV. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES STATE PLAN:

Ms. Ford introduced Gary Stagliano, Program and Field Operations who explained the policy of adding newborns to a TANF case. An amendment is proposed to change the policy for adding newborns to correspond with the policy for adding other required household members when the required addition to the household is not reported timely and the change results in an underpayment. Ms. Ford explained how this policy differs from the Medicaid policy regarding the newborns.

Hearing no further comments, Ms. Ford adopted the policy on behalf of the Director of Human Resources.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None received.

Ms. Ford adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m. and thanked everyone for their participation and attendance.